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I am Carl Berglund. I am submitting myself for your consideration to represent District 5 in the Idaho House.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my philosophy and approach to government with you. In a nutshell, I see government's highest role and most noble calling as the protection of its citizens and their freedoms. In order to do this properly, legislators are tasked with making many decisions on behalf of their constituents.

Political decisions, however, do not have to be made in a vacuum. We have the Idaho and U.S. Constitutions to guide us – documents defining and defending Idaho and America. You will discover as you get to know me that I am not afraid to talk about hard issues or open up debate about what's best for the citizens of Idaho. I'm not afraid of the system.

What does this look like played out? It starts with changing the conversation. As legislators, we must ask ourselves two questions: first, does the Constitution permit us to do something; and second, even if we are allowed, is it proper? We need creative solutions to complex problems, not simply raising taxes (again) and calling it another self-serving day. The best government is limited government – not an expanding, expansive, expensive one.

As a graduate of Deary High School raised in a logging home and community, I am passionate about Idaho's lands and liberty for its citizens. I have worked as a logger, mechanic, welder, and businessman right here in District 5 and so have a solid perspective on the challenges we face. I will carry that to Boise on your behalf. I have a history of holding legislators accountable to their stated positions and our Constitution. I will carry that down south as well.

With respect to education I strongly favor the University of Idaho offering vocational training and dual enrollment programs to the youth of Benewah and Latah counties.

My wife Juley and I (with our 6 children) live on our property in Kendrick – perhaps the most beautiful spot in creation. I am the farthest thing from a bureaucrat or edu-crat that you will ever meet, and I will bring responsiveness and conviction to serve the citizens of Benewah and Latah counties in the Idaho House of Representatives.

There are several issues that set me apart from my opponent. First, I am a genuine commonsense conservative, not a career politician. Second, my passion for Idaho's lands and the employment readiness of its graduates. Third, I will look to lower and not raise taxes to improve Idaho. Fourth, I will work to create an environment friendly to the solutions that business and the private sector have to offer. Finally, I will be responsible to the citizens of Benewah and Latah counties when I vote – not responsive to outside pressures or political interest groups which try to override the voice of the people. I will never vote to pick your pocket or vote simply to keep my seat in the House.

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Sincerely,

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